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SUBJECT: REFUGEE AND MIGRATION AFFAIRS: PAROLE OF CHILEAN
DETAINEES AND REFUGEES

REF: STATE 15227

1. WE REGRET THAT THE APPROVAL OF THE EXPANDED CRITERIA TO INCLUDE CERTAIN RELEASED DETAINEES IN THE SUBJECT PROGRAM HAS BEEN DELAYED.
2. FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY TENDS TO CONFIRM OUR PREVIOUS COMMENTS ON THE PLIGHT OF DETAINEES AFTER THEIR RELEASE. AT LEAST TWO OF THE PERSONS RELEASED RECENTLY, ACCORDING TO THEIR FAMILIES, WERE MURDERED BY UNKNOWN PERSONS. WIDOWS OF THESE TWO RELEASED MEN HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT IN FRANCE. SWEDEN IS ALSO ACCEPTING RELEASED CASES. ALMOST ALL OF THE RELEASED DETAINEES ARE UNABLE TO FIND EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF THE STIGMA ATTACHED TO THEIR POLITICAL DETENTION; AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF RELEASED DETAINEES HAVE BEEN RE-ARRESTED. WHILE THE ONLY CASES KNOWN TO US ARE THOSE REPORTED BY THE FAMILIES, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT OTHERS HAVE BEEN DETAINED AFTER THEIR RELEASE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE RELEASE OF SOME CASES IS CONDITIONAL ON REGULAR REPORTING TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES, OR HOUSE ARREST, OR CLASSIFICATION AS PERMANENT INTERNAL EXILE.

3. DRAWING ON ABOVE INFORMATION, WE RECOMMEND FURTHER
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CONSULTATIONS WITH THE INTEREST CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING EARLY APPROVAL FOR THIS LIMITED
BUT LOGICAL EXPANSION OF THE CRITERIA FOR THE SUBJECT PROGRAM.
AS INDICATED SEPTELS, THIS DECISION WILL EXPEDITE EARLY
COMPLETION OF PAROLE PROGRAM.
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